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New Year – New Guy!

A recent Aftonaut article made the point that change is a constant in both the Coast Guard and in the Auxiliary. This point was brought home in Commandant's All Hands Message # 48, released on 3 Feb 2010, entitled, "Senior Leadership Nominations and Announcement". <http://www.uscg.mil/comdt/allhands/message48.asp>

Our new Commandant, effective 25 May, 2010, is VADM (Promotable) Robert J. Papp, Jr., who is currently serving as Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area (LANTAREA). The following is from VADM Papp's official USCG biography:



Vice Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr. assumed the duties as Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area (LANTAREA) in July 2008, where he serves as the operational commander for all U.S. Coast Guard missions within the eastern half of the world. LANTAREA ranges from the Rocky Mountains to the Arabian Gulf and spans an area of responsibility including five Coast

Guard Districts, 42 states with over 14 million square miles, and serves with more than 51,000 military and civilian employees and Auxiliarists.

Before assuming command of LANTAREA, Vice Admiral Papp served as the Chief of Staff of the Coast Guard in Washington, DC, overseeing all management functions of the Coast Guard. From 2004 to 2006 he served as Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District, with responsibilities for Coast Guard missions on the Great Lakes and Northern Border.

He served in six Coast Guard Cutters and commanded the Cutters RED BEECH, PAPA, FORWARD, and the Coast Guard's training barque, EAGLE.

Vice Admiral Papp's assignments ashore have included the Commandant of Cadets staff at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy; Aids to Navigation staff in the Third Coast Guard District; Chief of the Capabilities Branch in the Defense Operations Division; Chief of the Fleet Development Team; Director of the Leadership Development Center; Chief of the Coast Guard's Office of Congressional Affairs; and Deputy Chief of Staff of the Coast Guard.

He is a 1975 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy. Additionally, he holds a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College and a Master of Science in Management from Salve Regina College.

Also nominated for promotion to Vice Admiral, and appointment as Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard, is RADM Sally Brice-O'Hara, who is currently the Deputy Commandant for Operations.

Flotilla Holiday Party Enjoyed by All

The 2010 Flotilla Holiday party was held on Wednesday, January 20th, at the Little Oven Restaurant in Saint Paul, with a very good turnout of members and an excellent buffet dinner.

Honored guests at this event were the current Division Vice Commander, Gwen Harris, Immediate Past Division Commander, William Harris, and District Chief of Staff (and flotilla member), Bob Smekta.

An abbreviated flotilla meeting was followed by the administration of oaths of office for the 2010 flotilla leadership, comments from the Immediate Past Flotilla Commander, Denny Sando, and an enjoyable mix of fellowship and dining.

Special thanks to the social committee for selecting the location, arranging the menu and providing desert.



USCG Auxiliary History

February 19, 1941: Congress changes the name of the Coast Guard Reserve to the Coast Guard Auxiliary and, in addition, creates a Coast Guard Reserve enrollees in which are subject to the UCMJ and the Articles of War.

1950 The first Auxiliary PE 8-lesson boating safety course was introduced. [Editor's note: Denny probably still has his copy.]

Flotilla One - Public Affairs Update

Don Lipsey, FSO-PA

There were two successful PA (Public Affairs) events in January 2010, and our flotilla had members involved in spreading the Auxiliary message at both. These events were the St. Paul Sportsman show, held 13-17 January, and the Minneapolis Boat Show, held 20-24 January.

At the well-attended 2010 Saint Paul Sportsman's show, the USCG had a 25 ft "Response Boat" on display, with briefings conducted by members of MSD (Marine Safety Detachment) Saint Paul and several Division 11 Marine Safety-qualified Auxiliaries. New "6-Pack" (Vessel for Hire/Guide, 6 Passengers or Less) regulations were a hot topic at that booth!

Across the aisle was the Auxiliary's PA exhibit with "CJ" the PFD dog and Coastie, the robot; always a crowd-pleasing duo. Helping staff the Auxiliary booth and distribute literature were Flotilla One members Vern Bauer and Don Lipsey.



Vern Bauer & Don Lipsey at the St Paul Show

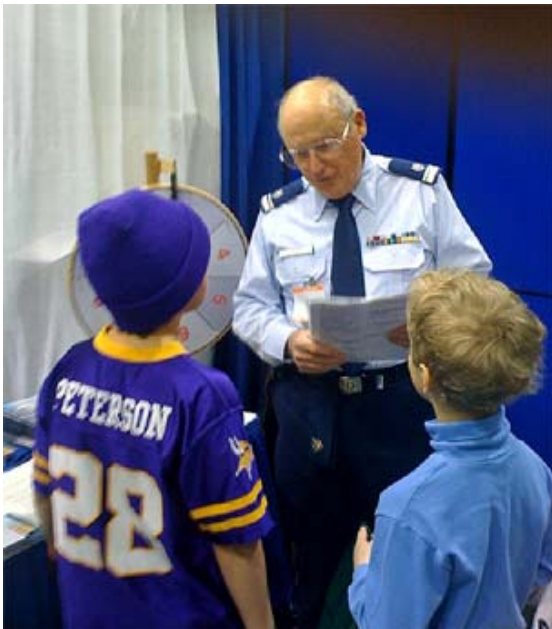
PA Update (ctd)

As for the Minneapolis Boat Show; it was very well attended and our Auxiliary booth was set up in middle rear of the main hall...a new spot for us.

With the Minnesota DNR (Department of Natural Resources) booth on our right, we had a steady stream of show-goers stopping by to chat. I think our smartly-uniformed Auxiliarists always draw attention...but the PFD dog, Coastie and kid's games also help.

Vern Bauer homesteaded the show, working multiple shifts. Other Flotilla One participants included Jeff Dietz and Don Lipsey, who staffed the booth, and Bob Palme who helped with setup and teardown.

Naturally, lifejackets and water safety was the main message, but "Join the Auxiliary" hand-outs were also well-circulated. As always, Flotilla One's small but doughty crew of "old reliables" was highly visible at this important annual PA event. Thanks to you all who help us successfully catch the public eye in the interest of public safety



FSO-PS Lipsey – Recruiting new members?

Public Education Leads the Way

Don Lipsey, FSO-PE

Members of 8WR11-01 are maintaining the Auxiliary **public education cornerstone** in grand style in 2010!

Our first ABS (About Boating Safely) class, held in January for the Ramsey County Sheriff's Water Patrol, had 30 attendees; 29 of whom passed the end-of-course test (the other student was unable to attend on test night due to a snow storm).

Our second ABS class was held 6 Feb 2010 for the general public. Again, we had ten for ten completions in this all-day course, notwithstanding the severe weather that prevented a number of other students from attending. Several of the graduates of this course have expressed interest in joining the Auxiliary and our Flotilla.

Our next class – BS&S (Boating Skills & Seamanship) – starts 11 March 2010 and runs 9 weeks. We currently have 5 sign-ups for the course, but we are also reaching out to students who were prevented from attending the 6 Feb 2010 course by the snowy weather. There may also be some walk-ins or late sign-ups from the two boat shows that we attended last month. We also have room for friends or family members, if you want to give them a unique and useful gift by signing them up for this course.

Denny Sando is scheduling a BS&S class for the St Paul Fire Dept for this spring.

Cabela's Sporting Goods want our flotilla to do an ABS course at their Rodgers, MN, store this spring. They plan to do this in conjunction with a vessel safety check day at their location which they will advertise in their store as well as on-line [PV Note: They were also eager to have a PV rack at their front checkout counter, which is now being installed].

Public Education (ctd)

The Flotilla's qualified instructors have been doing a great job, with your support. Please remember that we're always looking for new instructors so, if you want to add to your qualifications and enjoy performing a valuable service – for the Flotilla and for the boating public – consider joining us this year.

Flotilla Training Notes - 17 Feb 10

Don Lipsey, FSO-MT

Spring Conference: Your donated items for raffle prizes are really needed to help us offset the costs of the conference. Please send me an email if you have any items to donate. Bring your friends and family for fun night, we need the cash.

12 training classes are currently scheduled during the Conference, including:

- (a) ICS Interactive Simulation
- (b) Operation Training
- (c) Proper Marine Environmental Planning Exhibits
- (d) Good Mate Course
- (e) America's Waterway Watch & the Marine Environmental Planning
- (f) Introduction to Un-Inspected Passenger Vessels <6-pack>
- (g) Digital Photography
- (h) CPR Certification class
- (i) Personal Information Security
- (j) Grant Writing 2 times

(k) Intro to Computer Based Meeting-Tng products (bring your laptops)

(l) Civil Rights Awareness 2 sessions.

More Spring Conference information is available on the District 8 Western Rivers website at:

<http://users.mo-net.com/district8wr/members>

E-forms: ANSC E-Forms 7029 & 7030 are still under development. Fill out your 7029 forms at the end of each month. Fill out page 2 first, by date. Keep track of mileage and dollars spent on page 2 also. Go to 1/10 of an hour...1.6hr. Then, at end of each month, tally page 2 and transfer the totals to page one.

As you enter in page 1 they will auto flow to the top of page. This is the only page entered into AuxData and is important. Now it is filled out, PRINT IT at least twice. Save a copy with page two as proof and for any audit.

Advanced Coastal Navigation class (16 sessions) is on-line 7:30pm-9:00pm each Monday & Thursday from 1 March to 22 April; at the District 8 WR website.

Mandated Training: There are four topics currently accessible from the "Members page at the District 8 WR web site, including:

- (a) Sex Harassment & Assault Prevention
- (b) Privacy Awareness
- (c) Security Education
- (d) Influenza Training.

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Personal Identifying Information (PII): A 10-page slide show can be viewed at: [www.trlmo.com/cgaux8wr/word/PII_protection_policy_18nov09#256,1,protectingpersonnelidentifyinginformation\(PII\)](http://www.trlmo.com/cgaux8wr/word/PII_protection_policy_18nov09#256,1,protectingpersonnelidentifyinginformation(PII))

Important Dates & Events

28 Feb - February 7029's due to FSO-IS.
 11 Mar - BS&S Class begins.
 12 Mar - Flotilla Staff reports due.
 19 Mar - Dist 8 WR Spring Conference.
 24 Mar - Flotilla Meeting
 31 Mar - March 7029's due to FSO-IS.
 3 Apr - Ops/PV/IT/VE Workshops & TCT Refresher – Maplewood Fire Station #3.
 9 Apr - Flotilla Staff reports due.
 10 Apr - 8 Hr TCT class – Maplewood Fire Station #7.

Coast Guard Responds - Haiti



PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti - Coast Guard PO1s Erin Hunter and Kate Roberts off the USCGC Oak, treat an injured woman at the Killick, Haiti, Coast Guard base, Jan. 28, 2010.

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 Flotilla Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 20 January 2010
 Location: The Little Oven Roseville MN

Members Present

Cindy Snowberg FC	Don Lipsey VFC,FSO-MS,PA,PE	Denny Sando IPFC, FSO-IS,VE
Erich Hodurski FSO-CM,NS	Jeff Dietz FSO-FN	Phil Powell FSO-MA, PB
Dean Snowberg FSO-MT, PS	Bob Smekta FSO-OP	Vern Bauer FSO-PV
Judith Pettit FSO-SR	Cathryn Allison	Joe Holmes
Frank Kapsch	Elaine Sando	

Guests Present

Gwen Harris Div 11 VCDR	Bill Harris Div 11 SO-IS	Judy Holmes
Jo Dietz	Michelle Bambenek	

At 2006, FC Cindy Snowberg called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. She then introduced guests Division 11 DVCDR Gwen Harris, Division 11 SO-IS Bill Harris and, in her capacity as Division 11 DCDR, Cathryn Allison. FC Snowberg then thanked Phil Powell for his work obtaining the Little Oven restaurant as the location for the night's flotilla meeting and fellowship gathering.

She thanked Immediate Past Flotilla Commander Denny Sando for his work in 2009 and introduced the 2010 flotilla staff members: Vern Bauer FSO-PV, Jeff Dietz FSO-FN, Erich Hodurski FSO-CM, NS, Don Lipsey VFC, FSO-IS, MS, PA, PE, Phil Powell FSO-MA, PB, Bob Smekta FSO-OP, Dean Snowberg FSO-PS, MT, Denny Sando FSO-VE and Judith Pettit FSO-SR. All attending 2010 flotilla staff members were then sworn in by DCDR Cathryn Allison.

FC Snowberg, after confirming that a quorum was met, asked for corrections to the November meeting minutes (no meeting held in December). When no corrections were brought forward, the minutes were accepted as submitted.

Announcements and Communications

FC Snowberg informed that the next staff meeting will be held on 8 February 2010 starting at 1900 and located at [REDACTED] Minneapolis MN. She also said that the next flotilla meeting will be held at the Backstreet Grill in St Paul MN.

It was noted that the audit is half completed.

Denny Sando said that at the last St Paul Yacht Club board meeting, mention was made of the fact that "The General" may soon be removed, potentially requiring new venues for flotilla meetings and public education classes.

Staff Reports

FSO-CM (Communications)

No report – Erich Hodurski

FSO-CS (Communication Services)

No report (Rhys Parry not present)

FSO-FN (Finance)

As submitted – Jeff Dietz

FSO-IS (Information Services)

As submitted – Denny Sando

FSO-MA (Materials)

As submitted – Phil Powell

FSO-MS (Marine Safety)

As submitted – Don Lipsey

FSO-MT (Member Training)

No report – Dean Snowberg

FSO-NS (Navigation Services)

No report – Erich Hodurski

FSO-OP (Operations)

As submitted and a meeting will be held with FSO-CM and FSO-MT to discuss goals

FSO-PA (Public Affairs)

As submitted – Don Lipsey

FSO-PE (Public Education)

As submitted – Don Lipsey

FSO-PS (Personnel Services)

No report – Dean Snowberg

FSO-PV (Program Visitor)

As submitted and congratulations to vessel examiners on all the vessel exams completed at the St Paul Yacht Club – Vern Bauer

FSO-VE (Vessel Examination)

One of the goals for 2010 will be to examine 100% of St Paul Yacht Club vessels – Denny Sando

FSO-SR (Secretary/Records)

As written – Judith Pettit

Old Business

Phil Powell informed that discussion of the St Paul Radio antenna will be tabled until the next flotilla meeting.

New Business

There was no new business

Awards

FC Cindy Snowberg presented Joe Holmes with a 40 year Auxiliary membership certificate and Denny Sando received a gift for his service as 2009 flotilla commander and an annual performance award for public education in 2009.

Guest Comments

There were no guest comments

Denny Sando moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Dean Snowberg and Don Lipsey. All were in favor of the motion and the meeting adjourned at 2047.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Pettit FSO-SR
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